

**LILIUM SULPHUREUM** (Liliaceae), 57676. **Lily.** From Darjiling, India. Bulbs presented by G. H. Cave, curator, Lloyd Botanic Garden, through Harold Shantz, American vice consul in charge, Calcutta. A large and handsome lily, native to northern Burma, with an erect green stem 6 or 7 feet high, and numerous, scattered, linear, bright-green leaves, the longest of which are about 4 inches long and near the base of the plant. The flowers, usually in clusters of 2 or 3, are pendent on long peduncles, fragrant, and sulphur-yellow, tinged outside with light red. (Adapted from Curtis's Botanical Magazine, pl. 7257.)

**MEDICAGO SATIVA** (Fabaceae), 57678. **Alfalfa.** From Moron, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Seeds presented by Jose M. Scasso, district agronomist, Argentine Ministry of Agriculture. "'Alfalfa saludina.' A variety from the province of Santiago del Estero. It is very hardy and resistant to trampling and after cutting grows up again with much vigor. On the other hand it has the defect of losing its leaves when ripe, for which reason it is cut for hay when it is just beginning to flower. If not cut frequently it has a tendency to become woody. Under irrigation it gives 7 or 8 cuttings of green forage per year in Santiago del Estero. It is called 'saludina' because it is more resistant to alkali and saltpeter than the ordinary variety." (Scasso.)

**NAGEIA THUNBERGII** (Taxaceae), 57267. From Hogsback, via Lovedale, Cape of Good Hope, South Africa. Seeds presented by David A. Hunter. "This tree grows slowly, but finally becomes very large. The timber is fine-grained, and is largely used in our shops for furniture." (Hunter.)

A fine evergreen timber tree, up to 100 feet tall and with a trunk 4 feet in diameter, which occurs throughout all the timber forests from the Cape of Good Hope to Natal. The quality of the wood of this species is very similar to that of *Nageia elongata*, and for most purposes they are used indiscriminately. (Adapted from Sim, Forest Flora of Cape Colony, p. 332.)

**OSBECKIA RUBICUNDA** (Melastomaceae), 57261. From Ceylon, India. Seeds presented by the governor of Ceylon, through Frank B. Noyes, Washington, D. C. A branched shrub, 4 to 6 feet in height, with hairy elliptic leaves about 2 inches long, and brilliant purplish crimson flowers borne in clusters of one to five. Native to Ceylon. (Adapted from Macmillan, Handbook of Tropical Gardening, p. 393, and from Hooker, Flora of British India, vol. 2, p. 520.)

**POA AUSTRALIS** (Poaceae), 56910. From Hobart, Tasmania. Seeds presented by L. A. Evans, Secretary of Agriculture, Agricultural and Stock Department. "Collected near Lake Tiberius at an altitude of about 1,400 feet. This is a rather cold area with a light rainfall." (Evans.)